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SGA candidates present campaign speeches

Six candidates for the Student Government Association positions of president and vice-president and one Program Council presidential candidate delivered their formal speeches Wednesday in the UC.

The candidates spoke to about 100 students and faculty. The program was moved indoors because of the heavy rains on Wednesday.

Chris Bealeu, Program Council representative, began the program by announcing that there has been one candidate for the position of Program Council president and that the deadline for applying to the position has been moved to April 1, he said.

Bealeu then announced Bill Rech as the candidate for that position.

Rech said that he would like to "get more people involved and get more concerts such as Dizzy Gillespie. He continued by saying that the Program Council needs "something that would bring new and big performers." Rech continued that he would also like to see more recent films brought to campus.

James Smith, SGA vice-president, introduced the first presidential candidate Tim Robinson. Robinson, a four-year student at LSUS, said, "I have a real interest and concern for the students on this campus."

Robinson then introduced his

vice-presidential running partner Beth Holliman. She would like to see the school get its own mascot and "we would also like to publish an SGA newsletter," she said. "We would also like to see the SGA join the Shreveport Commerce Board," she added, "We also take contributions of over \$1,000," she said jokingly.

Mike Teece then took the podium to give his speech. He said "I'm a man of action." I think there is a problem with the student voice and I want to help it, he added. He continued by saying "There seems to be a lack of communication on campus and that the problem needs to be corrected. He cited several areas

which need more student input such as the Program Council budget, which he said should be shown to the students. "I can be your voice - please vote for me," he said then introduced his vice-presidential candidate, Teresa Smith.

Smith said, "We've got a balance between us (her and Teece) that we want to bring into the student government," adding that she is more conservative and he is more liberal. "We would like to address the needs of the students," she said.

Dale Kaiser, presidential candidate, then gave his speech to

the audience. He began by giving his record of past service with the SGA which includes former vice-president and a senator at large for the past two years. "We have to serve as your voice," and "I will be your voice to the administration," he said. "The student government is not just an elite few, let's get it to the students," he said.

Gwin Grogan, Kaiser's vice-presidential running mate, said that "I have served as a senator and that I think we would serve the students well." She reaffirmed Kaiser's stand by saying "We want to be your voice."

American Studies sponsors trip

by SCOTT STRONG
Reporter

The LSUS Washington "Semester" is the major summer activity sponsored by the American Studies Program. The purpose of the semester is to give students a broader view of American history, culture and values through direct exposure.

The Washington semester is a three-week educational opportunity for students to see Washington, D.C. first-hand. The semester is scheduled between the conclusion of the spring semester and the beginning of the regular summer session. Participants can earn six hours credit.

"I think one could argue that by the end of three weeks, you will know Washington better than most Washingtonians," said Dr. William D. Pederson, associate professor of history and political science and director of the trip.

Pederson said that Washington semester students see 80 percent more of the city than most tourists. He described the semester as a "super good deal."

Along with visiting the well-known places in Washington, such as Congress and the Smithsonian, Pederson said that students also see some of the more obscure but equally fascinating aspects of the city. He cited the Hillwood museum, one of the largest collections of pre-communist Russian artifacts, and the James Buchanan Memorial as two examples. "We have one major thing scheduled every day," said Pederson. This year a VIP tour of the White House has been arranged to avoid the 1½ hour wait the students endured on the last trip.

Pederson said that 30 students went on last year's trip. This spring will be the third year the semester has been offered, and Pederson expects the trip to be booked up to its 40-student capacity. "It gets better every year," he said.

Some students may also intern for senators and receive a total of 12 hours credit. Fred Kendrick, a senior political science major, went on the first two Washington semesters. He interned for Senator Russell Long the first year. "It's a chance for students to see all the nooks and crannies of Washington," Kendrick said of the trip. One high point of the trip, Kendrick said, was the tour of the Capitol, where "you get to see everybody that you see in the news." Kendrick described the trip as a "close-up trip for college students."

Pederson stressed that the trip is open to everybody. All majors are welcome to enroll, as well as non-LSUS students. Any one interested should contact Pederson in room 449 of BH.

Judge candidates spoke on campus

by DONNA WHITTON
News Editor

Two candidates for Caddo District Judge competed for students' votes March 13 in a forum presented by the LSUS Government and Law Society.

Carl E. Stewart and Bobby Waddell presented their credentials and answered questions from the audience.

Both candidates believe that they have a good background in working hard and dealing with

people, which they said are important qualities in a judge.

Stewart said he takes pride in being a trial lawyer. "It's important to have a person on the bench with trial training," he said, because the crime rate is so high.

He said he has personal experience with the empty feeling people get knowing little can be done to bring their property back after a burglary.

"My 11 years of law experience comes from representing people," Waddell, a current state

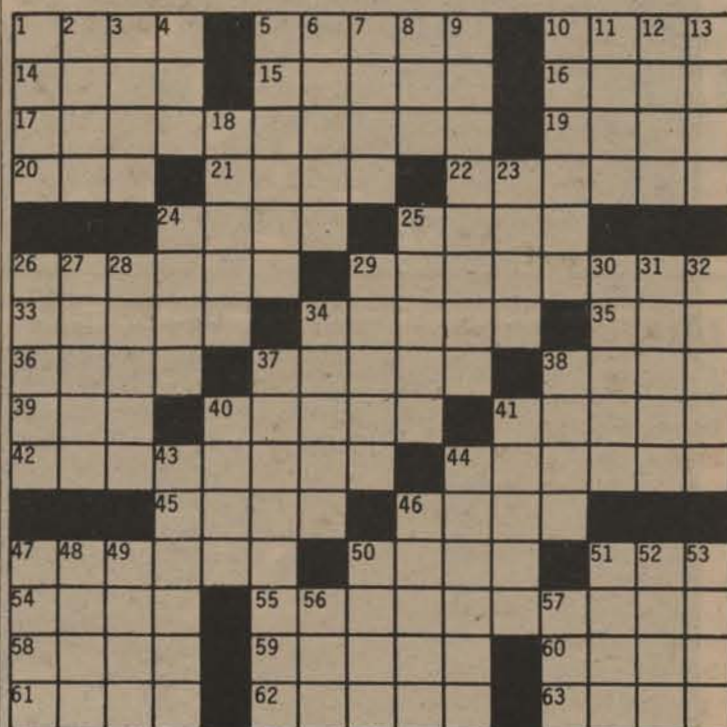
representative, said.

If elected, Waddell said he would like to be remembered as a judge who was honest, fair, dedicated and who did his homework. "I do not want my tenure of office to make you embarrassed," he said.

The candidates urged students to vote in the election March 30.

"People don't think of themselves as criminals so they don't get involved in the judge race," Waddell said.

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- 15 Pygmy antelope
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- 17 Pertaining to acting
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- 24 Former TV Bishop
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- 29 Moorish palace in Granada
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- 36 Talk wildly
- 37 South American parrot
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notes

Copple Crowned Festival Queen

Rhonda Copple, an LSUS senior, was crowned the Dogwood Festival Queen during ceremonies at Plain Dealing High School last Saturday night.

The 21-year-old communication major performed a gymnastic routine combined with baton twirling to the hit song "If My Friends Could See Me Now."

Miss Copple is a veteran pageant winner having been crowned Miss LSUS last spring. She is also a former United States Twirling Association "Miss International Twirling Queen." She

will represent the Dogwood Festival in the Miss Louisiana state pageant in June.

Lori Friedel, also a student at LSUS, was named first runner-up.

Miss Copple will reign over the three week Dogwood Festival celebration with the highlight being the annual parade on April 6. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Copple of Shreveport, she is a Public Relations Officer of the Public Relations Student Society Association and a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority.

Gibson Delegate at Conference

Dr. Marilyn Gibson, assistant professor of English, participated as a delegate at a world-wide conference on "International Education: A Necessity for the Nineties" held in London, England.

The meeting was sponsored by the American Institute For Foreign Study of Greenwich, Connecticut to develop strategies for confronting "America's

Crisis in International Competence." A research document on this crisis was released at the meeting and alerted the delegates to such facts as less than 1% of American college students study abroad, only 8% of American colleges have a foreign language entrance requirement, and over 10 million Russians study English while only 28,000 Americans study Russian.

Interviews

The following companies/organizations will be on campus in April: Radio Shack/Tandy Corp., April 10, all majors; San Juan Unified Schools, April 11, education majors; Peace Corps, April 10 and 11, all majors; K-Mart, April 18, management/business majors; State Farm Insurance, April 23, business/all majors.

Seniors can stop by the Placement Office to establish a placement file and sign up for these interviews.

The Gutenberg Bible is on exhibit in the library through March. Gutenberg was a German who invented movable type.

Registration

Details of the first early registration periods for upcoming summer and fall classes at LSUS have been announced by the LSUS Office of Admissions and Records.

Early registration, enabling students to choose classes prior to the regular registration periods, is a new process at LSUS, having begun with the current semester on the local campus.

Students currently enrolled and students who have been readmit-

ted prior to March 24 may participate in early registration April 15-19 in the Records Office, Room 116 of the Science Building. The office will be open for early registration from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Students must schedule an appointment with their academic advisors prior to early registration.

Classes begin June 6 for the summer term and Aug. 29 for the fall semester. Fee payment deadlines for those registering early are 4 p.m. May 31 for the summer term and 4 p.m. Aug. 23 for the fall semester.

Schedules of summer course offerings may be picked up in the Admissions Office, Room 120 of the Science Building.

Accounting Club

There will be a meeting of the LSUS Accounting Club on Monday, March 25, at noon in BE 216. The guest speaker will be Mr. Don Ayres, CPA, Deputy Director of Finance for the city of Shreveport. His topic is entitled "Career Perspectives in Non-profit Organizations." All interested students and faculty are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Phi Delta

The Louisiana Delta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity recently elected officers for the 1985-86 school year. Allen Harris, a senior communications major, was elected president. Other officers elected include Brent Gray, vice president; Jay Smith, secretary; Lon Smith, treasurer; Webb Stewart, warden; Wayne Culver, chaplain; Trey Henry, pledgemaster; Bill Cunningham, rush chairman; Kenny Copple, social chairman; Mitch Harrington, historian; David Radford, alumni secretary and Mickey Mooney, awards and scholarship chairman.

Paper Presented

Dr. Selvestion Jimes, professor of biological sciences and medical technology at LSUS, presented a "poster paper" at the 85th annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology.

Named "Coxsackie Virus B4: In Vitro Genetic Markers and Cardiovirulence in BALB/C Mice," the paper was presented March 5 in Las Vegas, Nev.

It was co-authored with Dr. Joseph Bocchini and Dr. Warren Grafton of the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport.

Convocation

The annual Student Organization Awards Convocation will be held Thursday, April 11, at 7 a.m. in the UC Theater.

This program is designed to honor students whose performance exemplifies the ideals of leadership and service. It does not duplicate the Academic Awards Convocation to be held the following week.

SIGI

SIGI has come to the Placement Office. It is now available to help students decide on a major or find out more about careers that match their values.

SIGI is a computerized System of Interactive Guidance and Information through which students, by answering questions posed by the program, can narrow their list of potential careers.

A student needs to go through the entire program. This is best

accomplished in four sessions of about an hour each. Print outs of important information can be made and taken home for further study.

SIGI is available on a first come, first served, sign up basis from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further details or to use SIGI, come by the Placement Office, BH 140.

NSSHA

The LSUS NSSHA Chapter joined the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association this year.

NSSHA is presenting a mini-seminar, "Professionals in Communications Disorders," Monday, April 15 at the Shreveport Holiday from 7-9 p.m. Guest speakers will be: Ms. Debbie Digilarmo, Instructional Specialist, "Hiring in Caddo Parish"; Ms. Liz Atkins, S.C.D., C.C.C.-sp., "Therapy in the Clinical Setting"; Ms. Janet Brown, S.C.D.-sp., "Therapy in the Classroom."

Hors d'Oeuvres will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Up and coming professionals interested in communication disorders are welcome to attend.

Rodeo

The LSUS Block & Bridle Club will be working at the upcoming KWKH Rodeo March 28, 29 and 30. Club members will be running the pig scramble at the rodeo.

The pig scramble is for children ages 5-10. The object is for children to catch one of six pigs with prizes being given to the kids who catch the porker. The winner will be given a free dinner to his or her family.

Movie

The film "Entres Nous" will be shown in the University Center at 1:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Tug-of-war

Entries for tug-of-war teams are due on March 26 in the intramurals office. The event will take place on March 28.

Internships

Criminal justice internships with local law enforcement, correctional, and security oriented agencies are planned for the summer term. Students desiring information or placement should contact Richard Georgia, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, BH 349.

First Aid

An advanced first aid course will be taught April 2 through May 9 from 6-10 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. A \$20 fee includes books. For more information call the Northwest Chapter of the Red Cross at 424-1432.

Short Terms

LSUS will be offering Term I and Term II courses in addition to the regular courses during the summer term.

Short term courses meet five days a week for two-hour sessions, requiring a total of 10 contact hours each week.

Term I begins June 6 and ends July 1 with the final exam on July 2. Term II begins July 3 and ends July 29 with the final exam following the regular exam period.

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REWARD

Anyone having any information about the missing Ms. Gumby, please contact the Almagest Staff, 797-5328, BH 344.

Reagan supports low minimum wage

The power of minimum wage is a very frightening concept considering the vulnerability of America's work force to the larger corporations and the politicians who want to keep minimum wage at a thrifty \$3.35 per hour.

The sad part of minimum wage is that it is not only the young who work for minimum wage; currently many of the larger corporations pay their middle-aged employees \$3.35 an hour and attempt to look like nice guys by paying commissions. A so called nice gesture on their part.

President Ronald Reagan also seems to be on these swindlers' side; he is supporting a bill which would reduce minimum wage to a mere \$2.85 per hour for students under 21. Reagan bases his ridiculous idea upon the belief that a reduced minimum wage would enable employers to hire more workers under the age of 21 and decrease the number of those under 21 who are unemployed. Right?

Wrong. If Reagan actually believes that this policy will work he is probably one of the most easily deceived presidents in U.S. history. The larger corporations would like to see minimum wage cut merely so that they will not have to pay their employees as much and as a result can increase their profits.

Reagan also fails to understand that many of today's college students are forced to work part or full-time so they can afford school. And with his proposed massive cuts in student loans and college grants, that money the students earn will be needed more than ever for those whose families cannot afford to pay for tuitions.

If the bill for reducing minimum wage does pass, the result will be yet another blow to the middle and lower classes. An increase in employment will not occur, only an increase in profits for the already wealthy corporations.

Furthermore, why should people be penalized financially just because they are a student? The students would do the same amount of work as their older counterparts and yet they could not hope to receive the same amount of pay.

If Reagan truly calls himself a president for the people, how can he possibly forsake such a large portion of America's work force for the sake of a false idea which would merely help the already wealthy employers?



by DONNA WHITTON
News Editor

Those of us who leave school after our 11 a.m. class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday share a common plight — we do battle in the LSUS Parking Lot War.

This conflict begins promptly at 11:50 a.m. and lasts approximately 15 minutes. Anyone who has ever tried to get out of the parking lot at this time will agree that the word war is well chosen to describe the situation.

Amazingly, no casualties have been reported from the battlefield, but many warriors have emerged with frazzled nerves and bent fenders, as well as a distinct dislike for their fellow man.

I have often heard that it is instinctive for people to work together in times of crisis. This is true when communities are stricken with tornadoes, floods and hurricanes. However, when

faced with the individual crisis of the Parking Lot War, it's survival of the fittest.

The air is filled with the sounds of brakes squealing and horns blowing. Only the strong survive mentally intact.

I have decided that what LSUS needs is parking lot fellowship. Everyone using the LSUS parking lot should follow a few simple rules which will make life more harmonious to the individual and more beneficial to all.

1. Everyone should recognize the 25 m.p.h. speed limit. Contrary to popular belief, those speed limit signs were not put there as a joke. Driving 25 would enable more cars to pull out of the parking lot without running the risk of being hit broadside by a speeding vehicle.

2. Cars going through the parking lot should drive extra slow so that other cars can back out of their parking places. It's not the

end of the world if someone pulls out in front of you.

3. Don't be so quick to get on that horn. Put yourself in the shoes of the person in front of you. Would you pull out in front of a garbage truck?

However, if a car in front of you has no rational reason for sitting there, or if the girl driving is just brushing her hair, blow the horn as long as you'd like. There is no room for doddlers in the Parking Lot War.

4. Just be nicer to other drivers. Wherever you're going will still be there when you finally get off campus.

Dwight Eisenhower said, "War settles nothing." This statement holds true for all the parking lot wars of the world. If we can resolve our selfish differences on something as trivial as a parking lot, settling world differences is but a step away.



by BILL COOKSEY
Managing Editor

Sometimes students like to gripe. Sometimes they just have a complaint they want heard. But usually there is no way for them to make their gripes or complaints heard at LSUS.

LSU-Baton Rouge has a method to combat this problem and I think it's something LSUS should adopt.

One day a week is designated as Free Speech Alley Day. On that day students who would like to make a speech dealing with something they feel strongly about may do so. Their speaking platform is a soap box on which they may stand to address an audience.

What results from this is often a lot of heckling, heated debate, even threats. But sometimes it helps for people to hear an issue

which the speaker thinks should be brought out into the public.

The process is simple. The people who want to speak sign up in advance with the coordinator or moderator of the event, then wait until it is their turn to give their speech to the audience.

Now what I'm suggesting is that the Student Government Association go ahead and give the students a soap box day to give speeches on topics of their choice. The only work that the SGA would have to do is sign up the speakers and supply the soap box, putting it some place in the mall.

You're probably thinking that this might not work at LSUS. Well, it might not, but then again, think about how often you see students in the halls trying to voice their opinions to anyone who will listen. Let's give them a chance to be heard and bring

their problems before other members of the student body.

If the SGA would go ahead and try this I think LSUS students might have something to look forward to each week. Every Wednesday or whatever day is chosen, we could all meet in the mall about 12:30 p.m. and wait for the speeches to begin. Then the speeches could be given and the weekly debating points brought forth.

We don't have to limit it to LSUS students either. Whoever would like an opportunity to speak should be given one.

So come on SGA, give it a shot. At least the students' voice could be heard, and at the same time LSUS students would have a weekly event to attend. Besides, even if the idea bombs, how much money can be lost by buying a soap box?

Give 'em a soap-box to voice opinions on

campus

YOUR VIEW

The question this week was, What do you think about Spring Fling?



Suzanne Simms — "It's been nice except for the rain. I think that it's gotten more participation from students. I'm upset that the dunking booth was canceled because I wanted to sink my teacher, Mr. Trahan."



Carol Carter — "I think it's wonderful. It's fun. We're selling nachos and I think all the girls are having a good time. It's kind of fun having it inside, too."



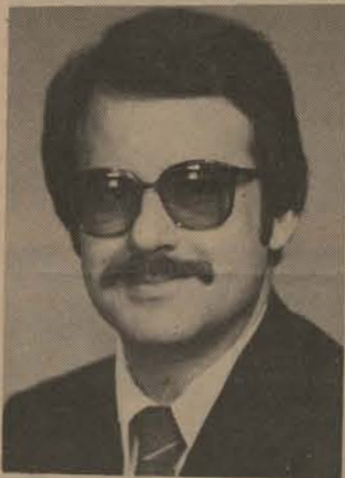
David King — "It's a blast. It's better when it's outside though. I like it when people throw frisbees and knock my beer over."



Greg Sikes — "It's alright! It's fun! It's great! Spring Fling takes the monotony out of school. It makes LSUS fun. Everybody relaxes."



Kelly Meshell — "I love it! It's different. It's something I've never been around before."



David Hamilton

La. lawyer to speak on alcohol topic

Alcohol on campus and liquor liability will be the topic David Hamilton, an attorney and general counsel for the Louisiana State Department of Education, will cover Monday at LSUS.

Hamilton will speak at 12:45 p.m. in the Webster Room of the UC. His appearance is the second in a series of alcohol awareness programs on the campus.

The program will cover "Alcohol on Campus and Possible Liability" and Liquor Law Liability on the College Campus: When Are We Responsible?"

To register or to find out more information, contact Joe Simon, director of student activities or Carolyn Cornelison, assistant director, at 797-5393.

Gutenberg Bible on display in library

If you're not planning a trip to the Library soon, try to go by to see the Gutenberg Bible on display.

The edition that LSUS has on display was reproduced from the best remaining copies of the original 47 copies existing in collections and museums worldwide.

The Bible was a gift from the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Longfellow, and is number 418 of a set of 1,000 printed in 1961.

The German inventor Johann Gutenberg is generally acknowledged to have been the first to develop movable type. His

Bible is thought to be the first book printed using that process, and his invention had a great effect on the course of western civilization.

The original Bible was printed in Mainz, Germany, and took about five years to complete. The copy on display at LSUS is an exact replica, even down to the doodling marks made by the original illustrators.

Anne King, reference librarian at LSUS, said, "We try to exhibit it every four or five years." Mrs. King said that the local area is fortunate to have received such a gift. "It's kind of a community treasure," she said.

LSUS D.C. semester orientation planned

An orientation session for those interested in attending the annual LSUS Washington "semester" will be held March 22 at the university.

The session will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Room 465 of BH, with participation open to LSUS students, the general public and students from other colleges and universities, regardless of year in school or major.

Those interested may participate in the Washington program on a credit or audit basis.

Deadline for registration is April 26.

The Washington semester, offering credits in political science and humanities, will be held from May 21 to June 8 in housing near the White House. Program guides and course outlines will be distributed during the orientation session and a question-and-answer period will be held.

For further information, contact Dr. William Pederson, director of American Studies, in Room 449 of Bronson Hall or call 797-5337.

Author to speak

Marilyn Moats Kennedy of Chicago, Ill., the author of four popular business books and a frequent talk show guest, will be the keynote speaker Wednesday, March 27 when the LSUS College of Business Administration holds its Career Day.

Ms. Moats will speak on "Career Strategies" at 8 a.m. in the UC Theater for some 800 daytime business administration students. Later in the morning she will conduct sessions on "Selling Yourself—Interviewing Techniques," "Office Politics," and "Salary Negotiations."

Ms. Moats will participate in a panel discussion after her 8 a.m. lecture.

As head of her own management consulting firm, Career Strategies, Ms. Moats works with some of the nation's largest com-



Marilyn Moats Kennedy

panies and she is a nationally recognized expert in career planning.

For further information contact Robert Aalberts, assistant professor of management and marketing, or Susan Wood, director of the College of Business Administration internship program.

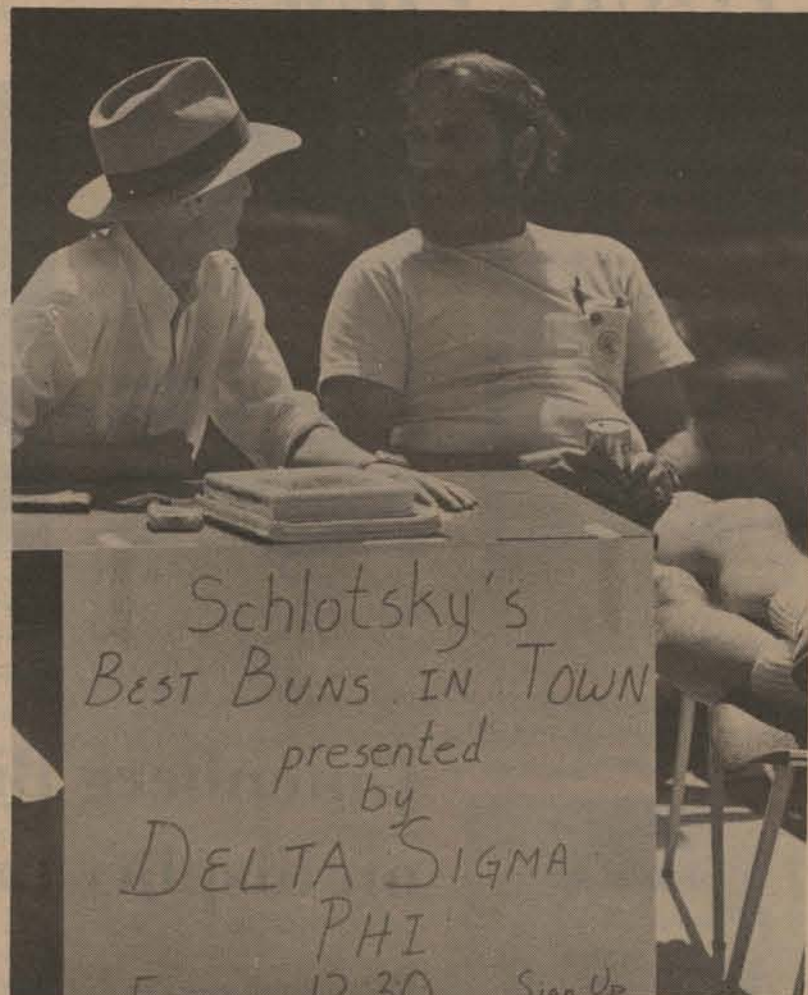
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Our March 1 editorial contained a statement that was construed as racist.

It was not intended to be a racist remark. We regret the statement was not edited before it reached print, and apologize to all offended parties.



features

'Into the Night'—a new twist on an old plot

by SUSAN KEENER
Page One Editor

Yuppies have pressures too. The job becomes a bore, insomnia sets in and the wife is having an affair, or so is the case of Ed, played by Jeff Goldblum in "Into the Night."

The scenario begins as Ed decides to go for a late night drive, arrives aimlessly at the Los Angeles airport and runs into a beautiful damsel in distress, played by Michelle Pfeiffer. She says drive and he does.

As the story unfolds we learn that she has smuggled into the country some Iranian emeralds that had belonged to the royal family. Some displaced royal relatives want the jewels and are willing to kill anyone to get them.

All of this evolves into a two-day chase in and around L.A.

This does not sound like a very original concept for a film. It isn't. But the way in which John Landis, the director, presents the movie makes up for the worn plot.



Imagine a movie in the style of "Miami Vice" and this will give you an idea of the cinematography and music of "Into the Night." The music is provided by jazz great B.B. King.

Robert Paynter, who worked on Michael Jackson's "Thriller" worked the cameras.

Some of the best clips include cameo appearances by David Bowie as Collin, a British hit man with a sense of humor, and Bruce McGill as a gay Elvis impersonator.

The movie does contain some graphically violent scenes, which may not be suitable for young children, but most college students should love it. Overall the movie is a funny, fast-moving slice of L.A. night life.

NOTE: Trivia buffs may want to look for the walk-on performances of Landis, and some of his friends; Rodger Vadim from "Barbarella," Paul Mazursky from "Moscow on the Hudson," and Muppeteer mogul Jim Henson among others.

Brindisi's: picking up where Toudan's left off

by ERIC GIPSON
Editorial Assistant

If you see the parking lot filled at what used to be Toudan's, do not be tempted to go in and order one of those mammoth cocktails with enough straws for the city of Alexandria to drink from. Establishments such as Chevy's diverted much of the jovial drinking crowd and Toudan's restaurant failed to maintain business.

Now, under the name Brindisi's, the management is the same, but the food and decor are Italian.

The decor is a combination of yuppie chic with the mandatory Italian touches—red and green colors, taped Luciano Pavarotti music, and, of course, candlelight. The waiter will ask you if you want your candle lit. Providing you're there to consume food, do answer yes, or else you might pour Rose' over your date's spaghetti—the restaurant is dark.

The food is priced moderate to expensive. I ordered linguini and oysters, \$7.95. The noodles, smothered in garlic and butter

were great, although not as hot as I would have liked. For the price, I had expected more oysters, but they were medium-size and fresh. The house salad, \$1.95, is inexpensive and good. It includes black and green olives, cheeses, herbs and dressing. Other dishes include fettucine alfredo (\$6.95), canteloni with spinach, and lasagna.

Wine is available by the bottle or glass. Spring Fling beer does not mix with wine so I ordered tea. There is still a bar, but it is much less conspicuous than in the days of Toudan's.

For the quick move from party to pasta, Brindisi's is doing good business. While not the place to go for definitive Italian cuisine, it does offer good food and a nice evening atmosphere.

Rating System

Poor: *

Fair: **

Good: ***

Excellent: ****

Classic: *****

Pointer Sisters, Billy Ocean rock Hirsch, despite accommodations

by TERRESSA SMITH
Reporter

Listen, those of us at the Hirsch Coliseum, March 13, would have called the Pointer Sisters back for an encore—if we had the strength.

All that rocking, rolling and clapping—triple time—on those rickety plastic chairs on the arena floor (and in the aisles, the bleachers and so on), left the audience happily exhausted.

Yes, there was a party at the Hirsch last Wednesday. Promoters Larry Shaeffer of Little Wing and Steve Timmons of SOOTO Productions hit on a winning combination in the Pointer Sisters and Billy Ocean.

The Hirsch was pleasantly full, and the audience a mixed bag. The Pointer Sisters had something for everyone. There was rousing gospel, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," followed by their country music hit, and then, "Automatic." At the outset, the

audience was "...So Excited," in the end, they were "Neutron Dance(ing)."

The show was professional and crisp, yet friendly and dynamic. It started on time, and reached a timely crescendo at 10:30 p.m.

You may have noticed the scant mention of Billy Ocean. I felt the vibrations of Billy Ocean in the hallway, and I heard he was very handsome. Frankly, I wouldn't know. Even with the long break between artists, I missed a good portion of the concert waiting in line to use the bathroom.

The Hirsch had its usual accommodations...

To attend a concert at the Hirsch, one must be prepared to brave the nightmare of the teeming hallways. It is understood by all, that you must also be able to maintain balance on uneven plastic chairs—because the people in front are standing on theirs—and you want to see too. This is Concert Procedure 101. All

part of the fun.

But when you pay \$11 for a ticket to see a class act, get dressed, and go out on a Wednesday night or any other: One should not have to be degraded and reduced to the circumstance of the women waiting in the line to use the bathroom at the Hirsch.

At intended concert capacity, these skimpy restroom facilities are seriously overworked, becoming in the process unhealthy, squalid urinals—the only route to which being a lengthy, strained wait in a line moving at a snail's pace. Need I say more?

If I were a Hirsch Coliseum official, I would be embarrassed to ask Diana Ross to sing over such a mess. Now, I'm a big fan of Diana's. I'll even go to the Hirsch to see her (next month). I'll be the one towing the Port-O-Let in a little red wagon behind me.



Almagest offers new column

The Almagest has recently acquired the services of Chastity and Lucy DeWitt, two sisters, who enjoy sharing their vast knowledge and advice on sex and romance. Their column, which will begin running next week, will

be in a question and answer format. Students and faculty can leave all letters in the Almagest mail slot in BH 328. We hope you will enjoy this new feature in the Almagest.

INTRAMURAL LITE BEER TUG-OF-WAR



Thursday, March 28, 1985

12:30 p.m. Mall

Men's & Women's Division
10 members per team
2000 lb. weight limit



Entries Due
March 26
UC Room 226

Top four men's & women's teams
get free Tug-O-War T-Shirts.
Winners will receive IM
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Thoughts on wrestling

by **BILLY HUNT**
Sports Editor

"Sooooooooooooooooooie!"

That's what I felt like saying as I stepped into the pit of mud that the KA's had set up for their annual mud wrestling competition. Instead of saying anything I thought and thought and finally asked myself, "Billy, why are you doing this?"

Actually, I deserved to be in there. This certain person had thrown this beautiful girl in the mud against her will, so a few of my fraternity brothers (I'm a KA, too) and myself grabbed him and proudly deposited him in the pit. He deserved it.

After that, this guy immediately wants a match. The next thing I heard was about 20 people hollering, "Billy! Go on, Billy!"

"No. I'm wearing a pair of 501 pinstripes."

"Go on, Billy! Go!"

My decision was made when a fellow KA gave me the firepower to get in there through his words of wisdom:

"Come on! Think of the glory! This is your chance to dump a Phi Delt in the mud (The guy is a member of another fraternity)!"

Do it for the glory! Do it...for KA! Wheat, barley, alfalfa..."

It was over. I was going.

I stepped in and thought about my reasons for doing this. Simple. It's KA against Phi Delt, right? I'm in that pit representing 30 people.

So there I was, plopping around in a pit of mud for the glory of my fraternity.

The wrestling itself was exhausting. I wasn't even worried about winning, I just waited for the time to expire. I felt like I was carrying the body weight of those 30 people I was representing as I stood drenched in mud.

The worst thing was the decision — a draw, no winner.

People laughed at both of us as we walked off looking like swamp creatures. I began to think of possibilities for next semester. Texas A&M, SMU, Notre Dame, Harvard, ...

I then saw what I looked like in a mirror. Vo-Tech, Diesel Driving Academy, ...

I had but one conclusion as my opponent raised my hand after the match and told the crowd, "Go Greek!"

Only in a fraternity can you lower yourself to do these sorts of things and still be socially acceptable.

Softball starts slowly

The intramural softball regular season officially started last week rather slowly, with seven forfeits and one rainout which forced the cancellation of three games.

The opening week was such a mess that IM Director Carolyn Cornelison has revised the schedules in the Bat League (ROTC, BSU, Maniacs, Bayou Blasters) and the Glove League (Women's).

The Bat League plays every Monday, and the Bayou Blasters and Maniacs are tied with 2-0 records. ROTC, who romped BSU 25-5, is 1-1 and BSU is 0-2.

In the Glove League, Phi Mu and the Physical Recs merged into one team to form the Physical Phi's. This reduced the number of teams in the league from seven to six.

The Phi's lost their opening game 14-8 to the Bililights. The other winners in the women's league were ROTC, which won on a forfeit, and ZTA, which defeated Tri Delta 22-5.

Barbarians, Kappa Sig and Phi Van Halen are all 1-0 in the Strike League. The Barbarians defeated Devastation Inc. 10-8, and the two other leaders handed losses to KA and Phi Delt in lopsided games.

Smith takes triathalon

A paper-man triathalon was held last week and there were several participants. The event consisted of a quarter mile swim, a five mile cycle and a three mile run.

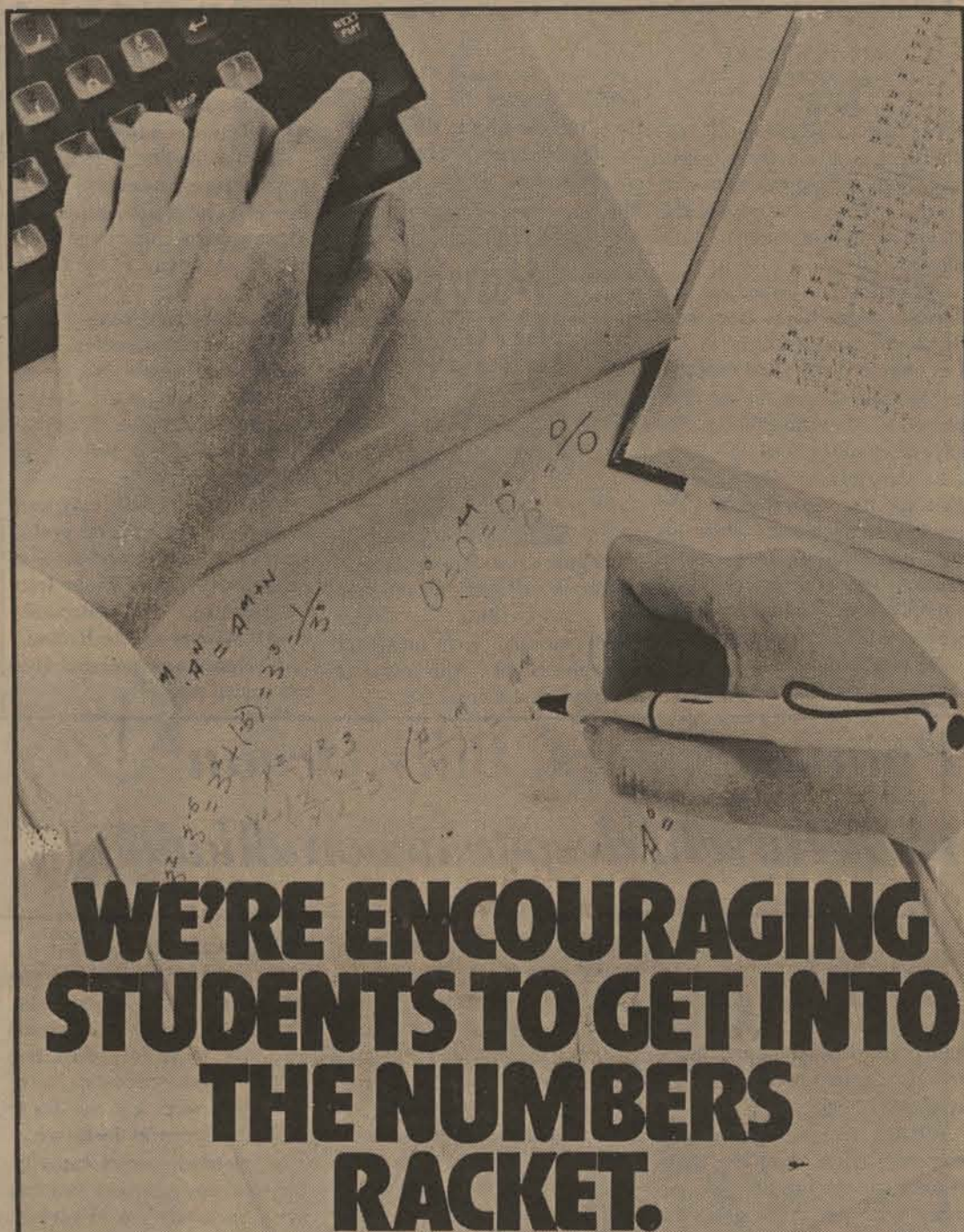
Billy Smith crossed the finish line first in the men's under 30 division. Smith finished the event in 44 minutes and 45 seconds.

The crowds favorite was 42 year-old Shirley Wilhite, who

took the women's over 30 division finished in 55 minutes even. Ms. Wilhite finished the event before most of the men who participated.

The men's over 30 division was won by Dale Nelson, who finished with a time of 47:19.

The women's under 30 class saw Rhonda Waites finish first in 56:17.



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